CDSCO has, therefore evolved a strategy to start inspections of clinical trial centers.

Number of workshops have already been held in coordination with Department of Pharmacology, BYL Nair Hospital, Mumbai along with centers at AIIMS, New Delhi, Pondicherry, Kolkata, Hyderabad to develop necessary Standard Operating Proceduresm (SOPs), protocols etc. A training programme for the prospective inspectors of clinical trials was conducted in New Delhi on 20-21 September 2005 with support from WHO and in partnership with various medical experts and researchers from pharma industry to develop competence and capacity to undertake inspections/ audits.

These measures will significantly enhance standards of clinical trials and will address the prevailing perception about likely exploitation of Indian study subjects, especially the poor and illiterate.

Physiotherapy Units as per WHO norms

2673. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms of the WHO for space requirements for providing gym and electrography and other physiotherapy units in hospitals;

(b) what is the area provided to different units of physiotherapy of Safdarjung Hospital;

(c) whether area provided for different units of Physiotherapy of Safdarjung
Hospital is in conformity with WHO norms; and

(d) if not, the reasons for which WHO norms are not followed in this hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) WHO. has not developed any norms or guidelines for space requirement for providing Gym, Electrotherapy and other Physiotherapy units in hospitals.

(b) Safdarjung Hospital has separate Physiotherapy Sections attached to Department of Rehabilitation, Orthopaedic and Burns and Plastic. Physiotherapy Sections in these departments are provided approximate

area of 3400 square feet, 3280 square feet and 540 square feet respectively,

(c) and (d) Not applicable.

Medical colleges in Srinagar and Almora in Uttaranchal

2674. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to set up medical colleges at Srinagar and Almora in Uttaranchal and had allocated funds in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government are aware that Uttaranchal Government had since shifted the location of the medical college from Almora to Rudrapur in violation of the decision taken by it;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government was taken into confidence before taking this decision; and

(d) by when Government would issue directions to State Government to set up the same in Almora to benefit the people living in remote hilly areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Central Govt, has no proposal to set up Medical Colleges in Uttranchal. The Central Government permits establishment of new medical college under the provisions of IMC Act and the Regulation made thereunder. Under the above provisions, a proposal has been received from the Govt, of Uttaranchal for establishment of a new medical college at Srinagar, Pauri Garhwal. The proposal has been referred to the Medical Council of India for evaluation. Clearance of the proposal will depend on fulfillment of qualifying criteria prescribed in the Regulation, availability of infrastructural facilities and recommendations of the Council thereon. Selection of place and location of a medical college is the progative of the State Governments.

Millennium Development Goals

2675. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: